

REMARKS

In the outstanding Action, the Examiner asserted a species election requirement, requiring that Applicant elect "a single disclosed species of electrolytes mixture and a single disclosed species of the iron complex (single specific substance)." In response, Applicant hereby elects the following disclosed species of electrolytes mixture:

from about 130 to about 150 mEq/L sodium
from about 0.4 to about 1.5 mEq/L magnesium
from about 2 to about 4 mEq/L calcium
from about 1 to about 4 mEq/L potassium
from about 90 to about 120 mEq/L chloride
from about 3 to about 5 mEq/L acetate
from about 30 to about 40 mEq/L bicarbonate.

This mixture is disclosed at page 29 of the specification.


In addition, Applicant hereby elects the following disclosed species of the iron complex: ferrous gluconate.

As one final remark, Applicant would bring to the attention of the Examiner that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/775,595, which was cited and submitted to the Patent Office on December 2, 2003, in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, issued on February 10, 2004, as U.S. Patent No. 6,689,275.

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Applicant respectfully requests speedy action toward allowance of this case. If there are any issues that can be addressed telephonically, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

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